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318 West 52d St. New York
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Mr. Wm L. Garrison

Dear & much respected Sir:

Agreeable to my word, I do myself the honor to again address you, hoping I may not trespass on your time beyond what is seemly & convenient to yourself in so doing.

I am so deeply interested in the present political aspect, especially as regards the so-called Southern Policy of our President, and the important & leading positions which Southern Rebels are receiving & assuming in National affairs, that I feel an almost uncontrolable desire to communicate

with the few who also see the impending danger. I have finished my lecture of which I wrote you, and last week delivered it in a little village 100 miles from this City, up the N. Y. & Erie R.R. The house was small, but as many people left, unable to obtain entrance, as filled its seats & aisles. It seemed to be well received, & this morning I have a letter from one who was probably the most intelligent man present, in which he speaks of the address in terms highly commendatory, & says he shall endeavor to arrange for its delivery in a neighboring village very soon. But unfortunately neither of these villages support a news-paper & both are very small.

The lecture is historical & descriptive, not of the country, but the <u>people</u>; & it has been my aim to make my hearers better acquainted with the <u>character</u> of South Carolinians & the causes which

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have produced it, & thus enlighten them on the causes of the Rebellion & ~~more~~ subsequent disturbances in that State, as well as the fact that African Slavery was but one of the incidents of the constitutional arrogance ~~of~~ & domination of the ruling classes from the first settlement of the State, and interchanged support with the same so long as it existed. Now that Chattel Slavery is no more, it does not follow that the spirit of the "Proud Southron" is regenerated, & that being deprived of the power to exercise tyrany over black & brown "mud-sills" they are ready at once to yield a cheerful & intelligent response & support to equal rights & free institutions, i e "republican form of Government" on equallity with northern "mud-sills" While Calhoun's Exposition of the Constitution of the U. S. is the most valued text-book in their schools, "his soul is marching on" in every succeeding generation. From personal observation

My lecture is written in a large clear hand. Again, thanks for the letters you sent — Chandler's & your own. Your reasoning seems conclusive. If I may send the lecture will do so for express. Please give strictly & if needful.

and conversations in both Florida and S. Carolina, I am convinced that the spirit of secession is as strong now in those States as it was in 1860, & is only waiting for their financial recuperation & a preparation that shall ensure success, to manifest its-self again.

The South learned by her experiences in ~~the~~ her past attempt, but alas! I fear the North did not. But I fear I am wearying you. I very much desire to ask a favor of you, but do so with many misgivings fearing to trouble you. Please decline at once if at all burdensome to grant it. Please, may I send my lecture to you for examination & criticism? While I very much desire to do so, please say "no" if not agreeable to you.

Grateful for past enlightenment I am, Truly yours H. V. E. Goff